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surgical nurse on duty from 2 p.m. till midnight. Why not let the night orderly sterilize dry goods? That has been successfully carried out at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York.

Head nurse. In addition to some teaching, much supervision, receiving and adjusting complaints, and preserving harmony, the head nurse must direct the nurses, the work of the maids and men who scrub windows, brass and floors, keep lists of laundry, new supplies needed, make requisitions, order repairs, watch operations, as well as list them, keep lists of the instruments, and the surgeons on duty, and preserve a manner of undisturbed composure at all times, herself.

To get the patients from the wards to the operating rooms in time for the surgeons, yet not too long in advance, takes thought and judgment. If the nurse will prepare the name of each patient, the ward, and the time to be called, on separate pieces of paper and keep them in order on her desk, the orderly can take the written call when it is time and avoid the mistake of bringing the wrong patient.

In a large hospital, the head nurse will be called upon to give a lecture and demonstration to the orderlies about their duties during an operation, the strength of certain solutions used, and the many positions in which the patient may have to be placed on the table.

The executive duties of the chief surgical nurse are so manifold and exacting that no hospital can afford to have its operating room run without a well-paid graduate supervisor.

A CORRECTION

We greatly regret that some incorrect items in regard to the Samaritan Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa, were reported in the news items of the November JOURNAL. Our Iowa correspondent trusted a newspaper report, not realizing that it is the JOURNAL'S custom to obtain news items at first hand and not to quote from other periodicals. We are glad to report news from all sections of the country, but we urge those who send us items to make sure that they are accurate and up to date. In this instance, the campaign for a new building has been started by the hospital board, not the training school board. Miss Slattery is not acting superintendent nor is Miss Carhart night supervisor. The superintendent is Frances C. Matthews.